



Updates on Support by Least Developed Countries Fund

**Least Developed Countries
Expert Group Side event at SB56**

GEF Secretariat
June 7 2022

Malawi

LDCF WORK PROGRAM

December 2021

3

projects

\$19.62

million

94% of LDCs
supported in 3 years



natural resources
management



agriculture and
food security



water resources
management



sustainable and
resilient economic
infrastructure

UPCOMING LDCF WORK PROGRAM

June 2022

8

projects

\$74.00

million

**100% of LDCs
supported in 4 years**



Nature-based
solutions



agriculture and
food security



Coastal zone
management



Strategic regional and
global initiatives

GEF-7 LDCF Programming Update

July 2018 to June 2022

87

Projects

23

**multi trust
fund**

**\$523
million**

**47 LDCs,
99.2%
utilization**

- ✓ Key themes: agriculture, food systems, nature-based solutions, infrastructure, natural resource management, disaster risk management, coastal zone management
- ✓ Consistent with priorities identified in NAPAs, NAPs, NDCs
- ✓ Paving the way for IDA, GCF-GEF collaboration, pooling of resources

Cumulative LDCF Programming Update

to June 2022

254 FSPs,
Programs +
82 MSPs,
Enabling
Activities

32
multi trust
fund

\$1,821
million

All LDCs



OBSERVATIONS AND OUTLOOK

Malawi

▶ Leaving no country behind

- Full amount to program: Comoros, Madagascar and Niger
- Next Work Program: June 2022 LDCF/SCCF Council
- Additional Programing: Tuvalu
- Amendment: Nepal and Zambia

▶ Development of LDCF SCCF Programming Strategy And Operational Improvements (2022-2026)

- Successfully adopted the strategy
- To be endorsed by 32nd LDCF SCCF Council meeting in June 2022



Key Highlights of the LDCF SCCF Programming Strategy and Operational Enhancements (2022-2026)

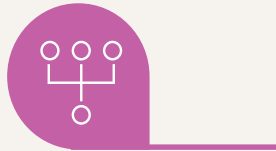


Trinidad

HIGHLIGHTS



Build on strengths and value to address gaps, be innovative, inclusive, and agile



Positioned to generate and track multiple benefits and mobilize finance at scale, with GEF Trust Fund, GCF, and others



Major upgrading opportunity to catalyze transformational adaptation and contribute to Paris Agreement Global Goal on Adaptation



Informed by science and priorities, contributing to action and ambition in response to IPCC call for urgency

LDCF/SCCF Priority themes for 2022-2026



Agriculture, food security and health

*Heightened focus on
community wellbeing*

1



Water

*Continued support to
capture, store, conserve and
enable easier and more
reliable access to water*

2



Early warning and climate information systems

*Expand access and strive
for greater user uptake*

3



Nature-based solutions

*High potential to
deliver adaptation*

4

Agreed LDCF Resource Mobilization Modality

1

Replenishment

Transition to replenishment model, if viable and of interest to donors.

- *Highest predictability*
- *Impact on donors with intermittent contributions*
- *Fundamental operational change: feasible by July 2022?*

2

Status quo

Maintain voluntary contribution modality, as is.

- *Least predictability*
- *May enable extra or intermittent contributions*
- *Requires no changes to operations*

3

Multi-year pledging

Move to multi-year pledging, with voluntary contributions.

- *Somewhat enhanced predictability*
- *Need broad donor commitment*
- *May enable extra or intermittent contributions*
- *Requires no changes to operations*

4

Other?

Other options to consider?



LDCF Financing Scenarios

Scenario A:

\$1.0 billion

(floor requested by the LDC Group)

Scenario B:

\$1.3 billion

Initial access
cap per LDC:
\$20 million

Challenge
Program: up to
\$40 million

Cap for global and
regional projects:
10 percent

Dedicated programs



Communications and Visibility Enhancement

4-year plan with a dedicated communication strategy & financial/human resources

\$2 million from LDCF
\$0.5 million for SCCF



Outreach and Capacity Support for LDC and SIDS Planning and Programming

Enhanced support to LDCs/SIDS on project upstream workshops, investment planning, etc.

\$4 million from LDCF
\$1 million from SCCF



Organizational Learning and Coordination

Dedicated program on learning and coordination at the fund and portfolio levels.

\$2 million from LDCF
\$0.5 million from SCCF

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Thank you